Sri K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த வரியானது பனைமரத்திற்கு மாத்திரமா அல்லது பனம் பழத்திற்கும் உண்டா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is quite true that the land cannot be cultivated when there are quite a number of trees on it but not all lands are of that nature. Secondly, we have already issued an order that the assessee will not pay more than he has already been paying. In every case, his obligation is to pay only the lesser of the two amounts, between what he was actually paying and what he would have to pay on the dry assessment thereof. He will not be burdened with the higher assessment. The question is further complicated because those lands had always palmyra trees and palmyra trees are a regular feature of that district. We cannot mix it up with conditions in other areas."

11-30 a.m. *Unauthorised cultivation of poramboke lands.*

* 283 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the total fine recovered for the unauthorized cultivation of poramboke lands for the fasli 1362 in South Arcot district?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Rs. 1,27,320-7-0 (rupees one lakh, twenty-seven thousand three hundred and twenty and annas seven only)."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" (Unobjectionable) புறம்போக்கு நிலத்தை ஜாரி செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று போட்டிருக்கும் மனுமீது அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட நடவடிக்கை என்ன ? உடனே ஜாரி செய்வதற்கு சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகளுக்கு தாக்கீது அரசாங்கம் அனுப்புமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government are already taking steps to assign lands in ' non-objectionable ' cases. It takes time and if the hon. Member brings to my notice any specific case, I shall look into it."

Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" சென்ற ஆண்டில் மாகாணமெங்கும் உணவு உற்பத்திப் பெருக்கத் திட்டத்தின்கீழ் கொடுத்த நிலங்களுக்குக்கூட இதுமாதிரி தண்ட வரி விதித்து எல்லா ஏழை மக்களிடமிருந்தும் தண்ட வரி வாங்கினது வாஸ்தவமா ? அதை நிறுத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is rather a sweeping statement. If the hon. Member brings to my notice specific cases, I shall look into them."

Detention of certain State buses by the Police in Tirupati.

* 284 Q.—Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some buses belonging to Madras Government Transport Department plying between Madras and Tirupati were detained in Tirupati by local police after the formation of Andhra State; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such detention?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) Yes, for the alleged failure of the drivers to produce their driving licences which had been locked up overnight in the office room. After the licences were handed over, the vehicles resumed the service. The incident was on the night of 19th October 1953. There has been no trouble since 21st October."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that reports appeared in the Press that the detention of the buses was due to the fact that the Tirupathi-Tirumalai Devasthanam authorities refused to allow our State buses to be parked in the choultry compound and that our drivers were forced to get stranded on the roads, will the Government come forward with an enquiry into the matter in order to remove the misapprehension that has been created in the public mind? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I hope the hon. Member will not give much credence to what appeared in the Press. The Government of Andhra were apprised regarding the seizure of licences from our drivers by the Police officials of the Andhra State on 20th October 1953. The Government of Andhra have been requested to institute an enquiry into the incident and let this Government know the result of that enquiry. As soon as that report is received, I shall be able to give more exact details of the incident."

Relief to handloom weavers.

* 285 Q.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government forwarded to the Central Government the resolution passed by the Assembly on 4th November 1952 about the allocation of the yarn entirely to handloom industry for the weaving of bordered sarees and dhotis;

(b) if so, what is the reply from the Central Government;

(c) whether the Government have succeeded in persuading the Central Government to allocate the same to the handloom weavers; and

(d) if not, what action this Government are going to take to help the handloom weavers?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) The resolution passed by this House on 4th November 1952 supported the view of this Government that the weaving of all bordered dhotis and coloured sarees should be reserved to the handloom industry and urged that the Central Government should take steps to make available to the handloom industry sufficient quantities of yarn spun out of Indian cotton for the purpose. The resolution was forwarded to the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 5th November 1952.